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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SULPHUR SPRINGS

Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH

MT. OLIVE CHURCH

October 6, 7, and 8, 1899

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Sulphur Spring Missionary Baptist Association met with Mt. Olive church October 6, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. E. Creel, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. W. Sandlin from Phil. 3:13. After prayer led by Eld. W. R. Fulmer adjourned until 2 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Met at 2 p. m. and after singing prayer was offered by Rev. D. L. James.

Called for letters from various churches, and Brethren W. R. Martin and J. F. McNeal were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were presented giving names of Delegates as follows:

Arkadelphia—J P Robinson, W T Bagwell and J M James.

Good Hope—F M Tanner, C A Robbins and G W Webster.

Harmony—J F McNeal, Thomas Baily, J M C Whorton and S G Robins.

Mt. Zion—W R Martin, R W Grubbs, P N Bradford and Richard Carlile.

Mt. Hope—J B Jefferson and Jas Dalton.

Mt. Olive—D L James, Fayette Rice and W M Rice.

Mt. Hie—M Russell and G W Shipp.

New Hope—John Moats, C Whitfield W T McAlppin and A Hederic.

New Antioch—J W Dunn and P F White.

New Union—W M Keith, E O Hearn and E Young.

New Prospect—Thomas Hollis and J H Chafin.

Pisgah—W Fields and H H Bigbee.

Sulphur Spring—J W Trotter, W R Fulmer, I Compton, G W Martin, and Dandy Dean.

Union—J C McCrary, W E Hawkins and W R Speakman.

Then proceeded to elect officers which resulted in the election of W. R. Fulmer Moderator, and W. R. Martin Clerk, J. F. McNeal Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Suspended regular order of business to appoint Committee on Devotion, to-wit: J. M. James and J. F. McNeal with Deacons of Mt. Olive church.

Called for new churches when a letter from Dod Springs with C. L. Philips as Delegate was presented and accepted.

Called for correspondents and received Eld. J. W. Sandlin representative of the State Mission Board, Rev. J. E. Creel and J. C. Car-

yle from Birmingham Association, and Rev. J. H. Harbinson from Cullman Association. Returned correspondence. D. L. James was appointed to go to Birmingham Association.

Devotional committee made a partial report.

The Moderator appointed committees, to-wit:

On Documents—J. W. Trotter and J. W. Dean.

On Superannuated Ministers—I. C. Compton and H. Buzee.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. M. James and R. W. Grubbs.

On Institute Work—John Keith and I. C. McCrary.

On Finance—W. A. McAlpin and E. O. Hearn.

Agreed to take up the report on Missions Saturday morning at 9:30 O'clock a. m. for discussion.

Adjourned till 8 O'clock a. m. Saturday, when homes were offered to all the delegates and visitors.

SATURDAY MORNING.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. I. C. McCrary and the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee which was offered, received and adopted.

Called for report of standing committees. Report on Sabbath Schools was read and received, and decided to spend some time in the discussion at the present hour, and after being ably discussed, agreed to defer the report to an indefinite time.

Received report on Missions and after some able speeches the report was adopted, and it was agreed to take up a collection for Mission purposes at this hour and collected \$7.50.

Excused Rev. D. L. James to leave.

Received report on Temperance and deferred the discussion until 1:30 p. m.

It was decided to pay over the money collected to day for Missions to Elder J. W. Sandlin.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING

Met at 1:30 o'clock, Moderator called the house to order and excused W. E. Hawkins on account of sickness.

Roll called and absentees marked.

By vote adopted the Temperance report.

Adopted the report on Missions.

Received report on Education and adopted it.

Received report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons and adopted it.

Appointed 8 o'clock a. m. Sunday to discuss Sabbath School report.

Received and adopted report on Superannuated Ministers.

Received and adopted report on Institute Work.

Appointed the time and place of our next meeting to be held at Pisgah commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1900.

Appointed Rev. W. J. McCrary to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. W. Trotter to preach the Missionary sermon.

Ordered the Clerk to have four hundred copies of minutes printed and keep balance of funds for his services.

Appointed Standing Committees, to-wit:

Missions—J. M. C. Whorton and W. R. Grubbs.

Temperance—J. P. Robinson and W. R. Speakman.

Education—Rev. J. W. Trotter and Rev. J. R. Jefferson.

Sabbath Schools—J. M. James and I. C. McCrary.

Resolution of thanks received and adopted.

By request of the Moderator the parting hand was extended at this hour. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Jefferson.

Adjourned to meet on Sunday at 8:30 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING

Met at 8:30 a. m. The Moderator being absent Rev. I. C. McCrary was appointed Moderator who called the body to order, and after singing prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Trotter.

Adopted the Sabbath School Report.

The body released S. T. Griffith and I. C. McCrary from the Executive Committee and J. M. James and W. R. Speakman were appointed to fill their places.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Institute Work, *to-wit.*
J. M. James, J. C. Thomas and J. F. McNeal.

Resolution carried that roll of delegates be called at the close of services on Sunday and absentees marked.

Rev. T. A. Hancock preached the Missionary Sermon to a large and well attended congregation, then took up a collection for mission purposes amounting to \$6.05.

After prayer the body adjourned to meet as above stated.

W. R. MARTIN, CLERK W. R. FULMER, MODERATOR.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

First District meets with Harmony Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1900, and Rev. I. C. McCrary was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Second District meets with Mt. Joy church Friday before second Sunday in August 1900. F. M. Leith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and T. D. Holcomb to preach the Missionary Sermon.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. by Eld. J. W. Saulin.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. J. H. Harbinson.

Preaching Saturday at 10:45 a. m. by Rev. J. W. Trotter.

Preaching Saturday at 7 p. m. by Rev. W. J. McCrary and Rev. W. H. Absher.

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. by Rev. T. A. Hancock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.—Resolved that we offer our thanks to Mt. Olive church and all friends of the church and community for their hospitalities while we have had our stay with them.

Offered by J. M. James.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—We your committee ask to report that after considering the mission work and the amount of funds on hand being short decided not to employ any missionary for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Martin.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.—Your committee by investigation find the subject of Education is beginning to exercise the minds of the people as it never has before, not only in a literary sense, for education means elevation to higher planes of usefulness, development and improvement upon a God-given intellect, as it prepares our children to walk in spheres of usefulness. Boys and girls are taking advantage of the opportunities offered them

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Trotter.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.—Your committee report that there has been no missionary in the bounds of our Association this year, and consequently little or nothing done. We recommend that pastors do more mission work and that every church do more for missions in every way as the design of the church and Association is to preach the Gospel everywhere.

S. T. Griffith, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.—Your committee find from the letters and inquiry that there are fewer Sabbath Schools than there were at

our last meeting. We are sorry to have to report this fact and hope our people will be ashamed of this and do better in the future, and we recommend that each pastor organize a Sabbath School in every church at once and write the Baptist Sunday School Board for literature and advice. The time is now here that churches without Sabbath Schools and people without Sabbath School instruction are lifeless. The Gospel through the Sabbath School reaches and saves more souls than from the oral preachers. We recommend that this association send out a Sunday School evangelist at least three months in the year. May God bless the Sabbath School.

D. L. James, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.—We your committee on Superannuated Ministers find no such within our bounds.

I. C. Compton, Chairman.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.—Your committee on Institute Work advise that this Association ask Brother Anderson in our boundry on this work.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. McCrary, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.—We find by investigation that we have lost by death two of our deacons; one from Sulphur Spring church, Bro. W. M. Compton, and one from Cane Creek church, Bro. Martin Roberts, and we recommend that this body hold a memorial service in respect to these brethren before this body make their final adjournment.

J. M. James, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.—Your committee submit the following: We find the cause of Temperance is a grand success. Oh, may the time soon come when intemperance will be banished out of our land every where. We would therefore urge that our Baptist brethren and sisters exert all of their power to extinguish the great evil of intemperance.

H. H. Buzbee, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED BY J. M. JAMES.—Resolved, First, that we the Sulphur Spring Baptist Association advise the churches composing our body to deal with any of our church members in the strictest order that is set forth in the New Testament, that sign any petition for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in their precinct. Second, That if any of our churches fail to deal with their members for such crimes that we withdraw from such church or churches.

RESOLVED, That this body hold a memorial service at our next annual meeting in memory of our deceased Deacons W. M. Compton and Martin Roberts on Sunday at 10 a. m.

REPORT ON FINANCE.—Your committee finds \$19.37 for minute funds. Submitted by W. T. McAlpin Chairman,

TREASURER REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:—

Amount carried over from last year	\$1.26
Amount received from all sources	9.00
	—
Total	\$10.26
Received for Home Missions	\$.60
Orphan Home	.40
Domestic Missions	9.26
	—
Total amount on hand	\$10.26

J. F. McNeal, Treasurer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Moderator calls to order, and hear the Introductory.
2. Calls for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks.
4. Elect officers for the next year.
5. Call for new churches.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Invite correspondents.
8. Return correspondents.
9. Appoint special committees.
10. Call for report of Executive Committee.
11. Call for report of standing committees.
12. Appoint standing committees.
13. Appoint time and place for next meeting.
14. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.
15. Offer Resolutions, and other miscellany.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Name	Postoffice	No. of Churches Pastor of
T D Holcomb	Country, Ala.	
W R Fulmer	Sloan, Ala.	
I R Jefferson	Gravelton, Ala.	1
W J McCrary	Partridge, Ala.	2
P T Vandiver	Palos, Ala.	1
T A Hancock		
J D Keith	Bangor, Ala.	
J C Thomas	Willow, Ala.	1
G S Sloan	Sloan, Ala.	
D L James	Brookside, Ala.	
M M Russell	Willow, Ala.	
F M Leith	Garrison Point, Ala.	
J W Trotter	Sloan, Ala.	1
Ely Whisonant	Philips, Ala.	
H B Martin	Littleton, Ala.	

LICENSED MINISTERS.

I C McCrary, Partridge, Ala.	2
J W Dean, Arkadelphia, Ala.	

CONSTITUTION OF THE SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This body shall be known as the Sulphur Springs Baptist Association.
2. It shall be formed of delegates from all the churches who may connect themselves with the Union.
3. Any church may be admitted into this Association by general consent of the members present, at any regular meeting.
4. Any church may withdraw from it at its own discretion, on application for dismission.
5. Any church in this Association may send three delegates. When a church has fifty members it may send four delegates, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter.
6. At each session of this Association, a Moderator, Recording and corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot from among the members, who shall hold their offices till their successors are elected.
7. The meeting of the delegates shall be held annually as the body may appoint.
8. The design of this body is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is, or may be composed, by domestic missions, the education of pious and promising young men called of God to the ministry, and by other benevolent plans, so far as the church may enable them by other voluntary contributions.
9. In addition to the objects specified in the foregoing article, this Association will extend its favorable regard to all the benevolent plans now cherished and supported by evangelical Christians.
10. As it respects the internal concerns of the churches, this body shall have no authority, but shall be considered merely as an advisory council.
11. This Association shall be the judge of her own members, and will not hold as a member a church who holds as a member any person who teaches heterodox traffics in any way with intoxicating liquors (except physicians), or is guilty of any other crime mentioned in the 5th chapter of Galatians as works of the flesh.
12. As it respects our internal or general concerns and for the mutual benefit of each the churches composing this Union, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with her delegates a written communication to each annual meeting of this Association, specifying the names of delegates and the state of their churches.
13. Any church being thoroughly convinced that she has a mem-

ber called of God to the work of the ministry and believes it her duty to send him out to preach the gospel shall call a Presbytery of ministers, who in connection with and in presence of the church, proceed to examine the candidate and if deemed qualified, may ordain him to the full work of the ministry and report the same to this Association, together with all licensed ministers, so their names may be entered upon the minutes.

14. Presbyteries in ordaining ministers, deacons or constituting churches shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this Association.

15. The business of this Association is to be committed to a board of five members, three of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and to make reports at the next session of the Association, and to be appointed annually by the body while in session.

16. The delegates from the churches shall be considered as holding their appointments until others are appointed to succeed them.

17. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body by a two-thirds vote provided, the proposed change be in writing on the table twelve hours before the vote is taken.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

Art. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

Art. 7. We believe the blessings of salvation are made free to all the human family by the gospel, that it is the duty of all intelligent persons to accept them with a cordial, persistent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his or her refusal voluntary rejection of the gospel requirements, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which rejection involves them into condemnation without defense or excuse.

Art. 8. We believe the saint will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.

Art. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the final judgment, that the felicity of the righteous will be everlasting and the punishment of the wicked eternal.

Art. 11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except one who is regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

Art. 12. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. To expedite business, committees may be appointed at the discretion of the body.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed judge of good order and shall have a right to call to order at any time, and any brother not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the body on the same day, but no other time.

4. Every motion, made and seconded, shall come under consideration of the Association except withdrawn by him who made it.

5. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

6. Every one who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection.

7. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the right of the applicant by naming him or otherwise.

8. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject without leave of the body.

9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The Moderator shall give the casting vote, and be entitled to the privileges of speaking, as any other, provided he appoint another, in his seat during the time.

12. The appellation Brother shall be used in our address, one to another.

13. The names of delegates shall be called as the association may direct.

14. Any delegate leaving before the adjournment without leave will be marked on the minutes as absent.

Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the body may think proper, only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SULPHUR SPRING BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1899.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION	ORPHANS'	HOME HOME	MINUTE FUND	PASTORS' SALARY	REPAIRS AND NEW B'L'D GS	SUNDAY S. EXPENSES	VALUE OF PROPERTY
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New Hope							1.40			300	
New Antioch							.60				
New Union							1.00			100	
New Prospect							1.20				
Pisgah							1.15			200	
Sulphur Spring							1.00				
Union	2.00		.65	2.50			1.75				
Total	7.01	2.01	3.40	2.50	2.28	19.57					

Collections at Association \$13.55

* Voucher for State Missions \$3.15

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

SUNDAY SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	PUPILS.
Arkadelphia	J M James, Arkadelphia,	6	70
Mt. Zion	H A Jacobs, Wilgus,	7	67
Mt. Olive	E Rice, Bleunt Springs,	8	76
New Hope	R D Jones, Country,		30
New Union	C F Hearn, Bangor,	5	60
Pisgah	H H Buzbee, Philips,		
Union	W R Speakman, Partridge,	5	45

Revivals reported at Good Hope, Mt. Zion, Mt. Olive and Union.

Prayer meetings reported at Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope and Union.

STATISTICS OF SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

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